

MAIN SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 3rd May

9.15am St John's Holy Communion
9.45am Holy Trinity Family Worship + Holy Communion
11.00am St Mary's Holy Communion
11.15am St Leonard's Family Worship + Communion

Sunday 10th May

9.15am St John's Morning Prayer
9.45am Holy Trinity Holy Communion
11.00am St Mary's Morning Prayer
11.15am St Leonard's Holy Communion

Sunday 17th May

9.15am St John's Holy Communion
9.45am Holy Trinity Holy Communion
11.00am St Mary's Holy Communion
11.15am St Leonard's Holy Communion
5.00pm Holy Trinity BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 24th May

9.15am St John's Holy Communion
9.45am Holy Trinity Holy Communion
11.00am St Mary's Holy Communion
11.15am St Leonard's Holy Communion

Sunday 31st May

10.30am Holy Trinity United Parish Holy Communion

Our Reader, Chris writes...

Breathe on me Breath of God!

For years ecologists have lobbied governments to invest in renewable energy sources, conscious of the finite power of earth's resources of fuel. Experiments have taken place to harness the energy of the tides, using it to power generators. This is nothing new. The sun is already the principal source of energy for our planet, and scientists are constantly devising new ways of using its energy in the factory, street and home. Wind farms utilise each gust of wind to turn giant rotor arms, echoing the action of windmills, widely used by previous generations for a variety of tasks. Energy is all around us, sustains us, energy changes us – energy is life. The shortage of earth's resources has made us more conscious of what saves and sustains life, and the best example of energy indicating life is on the breath of each living person.

The risen Jesus breathed on the disciples, a sign that he was sharing his life, his energy, with them. As he



breathed on them, he said: "Receive the Holy Spirit." The very energy and life of God was being given to them; but no one can receive the Spirit of God and remain unchanged. The disciples discovered they were able to speak in foreign tongues. They found a courage they had never known before in preaching the Good News, and they lived in a unity that only a few weeks before would have seemed like a dream. With the energy of God flowing through them, they showed new life and growth. This new life of the Spirit had come to them when they were at their lowest ebb, shut away in a room, paralysed by fear, confused and disillusioned.

The breath of Christ, the Holy Spirit of God, was indeed new life, energy and growth and its gift did not simply confer new life on the disciples, but the life of Christ. In a new way Christ came close to his disciples, calling them together in communion, sending them far and wide on his mission. With his Spirit living in them the disciples became a new way, his people, his messengers, his body. Wherever they were, he would be too, and this gift of the Spirit is with his disciples in every age.

It is an enriching exercise to become aware of the energy and life in the people and the world around us. Everything we encounter is imbued with life, a life so wonderful and mysterious and complex that it defies scientific definition. The movement of the earth around the sun, the spinning which brings us night and day, the breath of the wind across the face of the earth, the warmth of the fire, the radiance of light, growing plants and flowing streams: all are signs of an energy which gives and sustains life. Awareness of this energy and life creates awareness of the Holy Spirit of God, who moves around freely, giving life and growth to the world and the potential for peace, forgiveness and love among its people. Becoming aware of the Spirit, we become attuned to it, sensing its presence and opening ourselves to its power, to live in accordance with its force for good. We start to live in that same energy which caused the heavens and earth to be made. We, like disciples, become energised for the work of God and dynamic messengers of the Good News.

The Christian messenger does not simply bring Christ to others, but identifies the presence of God already in existence. We demonstrate that where there is goodness, it is Christ's goodness, where there is healing and forgiveness, it is Christ's healing and forgiveness. We show people where Christ is already

active in their lives and in this way, in concert with the Holy Spirit, we build up the body of Christ.

What tremendous energy was released on that first Pentecost! What tremendous energy is still released into the Church by the Holy Spirit so that we, today's disciples, may work in communion with each other renewing the face of the earth.

Results of Annual General Meetings (AGMs)

At our recent AGMs, we elected District Churchwardens and District Church Councils (DCC) for each church. Congratulations to those elected and please pray for all who have taken on these roles in the leadership of our churches.

Holy Trinity, Dawley: District Churchwardens: Glenis Watkins and Jan Yapp DCC members: Brenda Dyoss, Chris Hicks (Deanery Synod rep), Hannah Yapp, Helen Pallett, June Houston, Lynda Roper (DCC secretary)

St John, Lawley District Churchwardens: Eileen Robertson and Sharon Sinclair. DCC members: Bill Robertson (DCC Treasurer), Carole Cowen, Caroline Richards, Chizzy Uduanochie (DCC Secretary), Des Pritchard, Jane McGregor

St Leonard, Malinslee District Churchwardens: Chris Prescott and Lorraine Granger (DCC Secretary) DCC members: Carol Stanley, James Sengo

St Mary, Ketley District Churchwarden: Mary Richards. DCC members: Anne Bailey, Ann Broadhurst, Brian Richards (DCC Treasurer) Doreen Dyson, Margaret Southall (DCC Secretary)

Ascension Day Service: All churches in Telford Deanery are invited to join together to worship on this day when we lift our eyes to the risen and ascended King, now reigning at the right hand of the Father. The services will be at Telford Minster, Southwater Square at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th May

St Leonard's Afternoon Tea: 2nd May 2026 at 2.00pm. £5 for adults; £2.50 for children. Please contact Lorraine Granger to book by 29th April (07805 841824)

Bereavement Café

This is a free, warm and welcoming space for anyone who is grieving or living with loss. Grief can feel incredibly lonely, but here you'll find understanding, kindness and time, with no pressure to talk and no expectations. Meeting on the Second Monday of every month, our next event is on Monday 11th May at 11.00am – 12.30pm Dawley Baptist Church, Park Road, Dawley Bank, TF4 2BE

Quiz Night at St Mary's

Friday 15th May at 7.00pm; Bring a team or come alone and join one. £2.50 per person to include tea/coffee, nibbles and snacks (or feel free to bring your own drinks). Raffle. Please let Mary know if you intend to come 01952 613653

All Friends Together at Holy Trinity Church

Wednesday 27th May at 2.00pm. Come and learn about the work of Telford First Reponders' and a lovely afternoon of friendship and funn

Baptisms in April: "May they shine as a light in the world to the glory of God" Alexander Russell, Daniel Russell, Kobi Igboakaeze, Axl Pike, Tommy and Freddie Eagleton

Funerals/burial of ashes in April: "May they rest in peace and rise in glory" Funerals: Don Watkins, Margaret Wheatley Burial of Ashes: Jean Candlin

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Sat 2nd 2.00pm Afternoon Tea at St Leonard's (see above for details)

Mon 11th 11.00am Bereavement Café at Dawley Baptist Church (see above for details)

Fri 15th 7.00pm St Mary's Quiz Night (see above for details)

Sat 16th 10.00am Messy Church at Holy Trinity

Wed 27th 2.00pm All Friends Together at Holy Trinity (see above for details)

Thu 28th 7.00pm Holy Trinity DCC meeting

Sat 30th 10.00am St Mary DCC meeting



Weekly Activities in the Parish

Holy Trinity

Wednesdays: Trinity Tots 9.30 - 11.00 doors open at 9.00am (term times only) *Thursdays:* Trinity Tots 9.30 - 11.00 (term times only)

For more information please contact Glenis [07513 202282](tel:07513202282)

St Leonard's

Mondays: 11.00 - 12.00 Drop in food bank - available for people struggling financially or for anyone who wants to help reduce food waste. Tea and coffee served *Last Tuesday of the month* (Usually) 9.30 - 11.30am Chatty Club 1.30 - 2.30pm Baby Babble.

Wednesdays: 10.00 - 10.45am Malinslee Movers Exercise Class £3 10.45 - 11.45 The Welcome Space Coffee Morning/Drop in.

For more information, contact Jo 01952 416370

A Safe Church

The parish of Central Telford is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer and Safeguarding Links for each church. More information about safeguarding can be found at www.lichfield.anglican.org/safeguarding

If you have any concerns in the parish, please contact Revd Jo (07562 739683) or our Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator Hannah Yapp (07752 192175)